Purchase of polygraph automatic folding machines by Government Press, Nasik

133. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Press, Nasik failed to furnish the capacity utilisation of two polygraph automatic folding machine No. 0197 and 0206 which had been installed in January, 1990;

(b) whether the purchase of the said machines was not desirable; and

(c) if not, the reasons cited by the Directorate of Printing to justify the amount of Rs. 14.21 lakhs incurred on the purchase of said machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) In Govt. of India Presses assessed capacity is fixed and capacity utilization checked only in respect of main printing machines. This is not done for auxiliary machines. Since the said machines are auxiliary machines, information about capacity utilization could not be provided to the audit team. Production data has, however, been provided to the audit on 7.8.2001. No further comments have so far been received from the audit.

(b) Machines were purchased only after assessing the job requirement.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

General pool accommodation

134. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government servants awaiting allotment of general pool accommodation in Delhi and outside and since when;

(b) the steps taken by Government to construct more number of general pool accommodation and by when;